THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) A new initiative, namely the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (Development and Reform Facility) is proposed for the development of backward areas, including those in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The details of funding under the scheme are yet to be finalized.

Growth rate in service sector

† 3065. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(d) whether it is a fact that the annual growth rate in the country is assessed to be continuously increasing in 1999-2000, 2000-01 and first nine months of 2002-03;

(e) if so, the annual growth rate in service sector in the country during above period, service-wise; and

(f) the additional employment oportunities created inservice sector during above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.The rate of growth in services sector (which includes Trade, Hotels and restaurants, Railways, Transport by other means, Storage, Communications, Banking and Insurance, Real estate, Public administration and Defence and other services) was 10.1% in 1999-2000, 5.6% in 2000-01 and 7.4% during the first nine months of 2002-03 (over corresponding period of 2001-02).

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Cut in allocation for plan projects

3066. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocations for the plan projects have been slashed for the year 2003-04.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the major projects affected by the cut; and

(c) what would be its impact on the economic growth of the country and the projected targets set in the five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.The Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) for Central Plan has been increased to Rs. 721.60 crore (BE) in 2003-04 from Rs. 66870.92 crore (BE) in 2002-03 and Central Assistance for States and UT's has been increased to Rs. 48822.40 crore (BE) in 2003-04 crore from Rs. 46629.08 crore in 2002-03 (BE).

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Drunken driving

3067. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(c) whether over the past decade the number of rash, negligent and drunken driving with instant deaths is comparatively higher between the younger age group of 21-34 years;

(d) whether according to Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 driving with a Blood-Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 30 mg in 100 ml of blood is illegal while in USA and many countries in Europe, the limit is stricter at 8 mg;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(f) what steps are being taken by Government to make the law more stricter by imposing severe punishment to offenders?